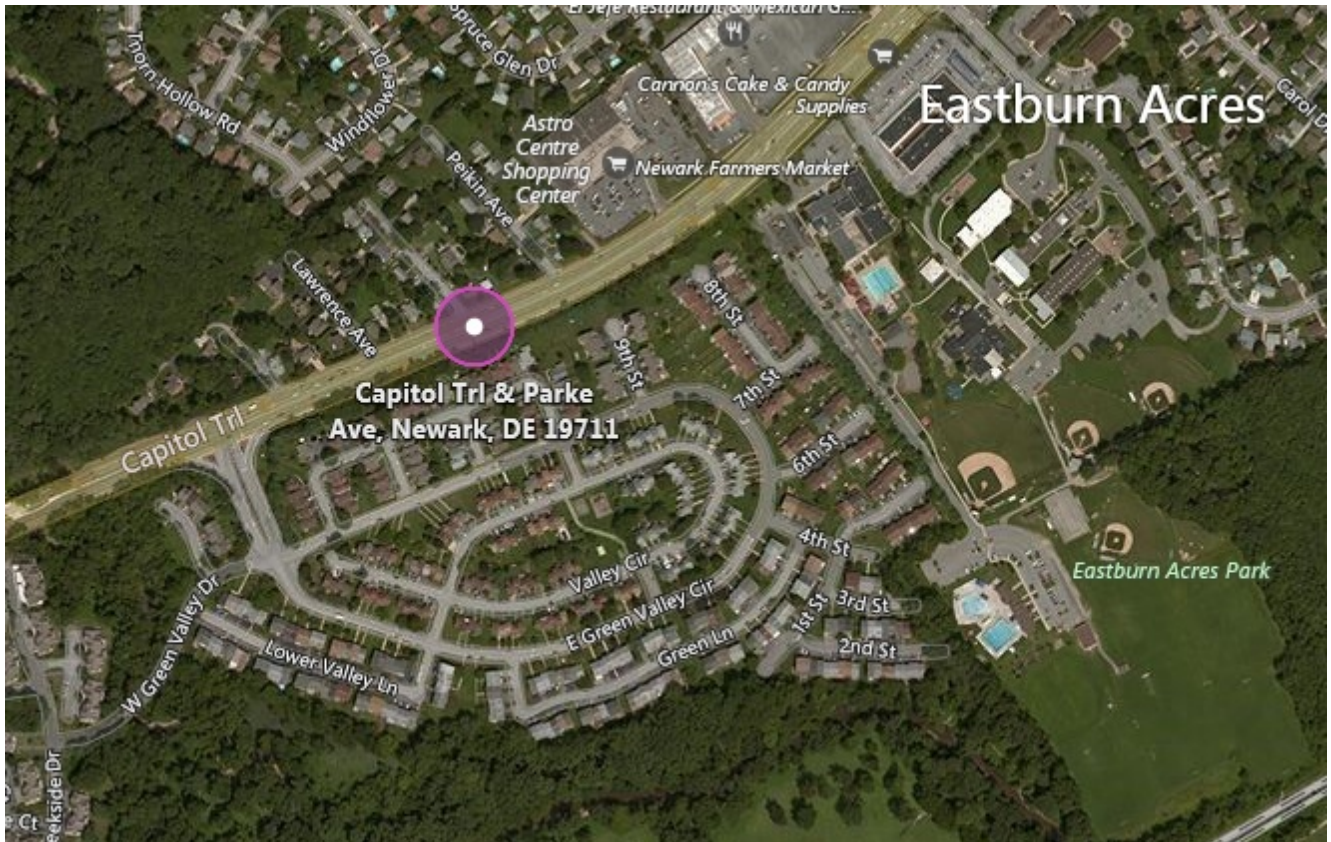


# Troopers Investigating Serious Crash



*Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Jeffrey R. Hale*

**Newark (19711)**- The Delaware State Police are currently investigating a three vehicle crash which injured two people that occurred late this morning east of Newark.

The initial investigation has determined that the crash occurred at approximately 10:57 a.m. this morning, Monday, March 13, 2017, as Steven Dericco, 48, of Newark, was operating a 1997 Nissan Pathfinder and was traveling in an eastbound direction in the westbound lanes of DE Rt. 2 (Capitol Trail) approaching Parke Avenue at an apparent high rate of speed. The front of the Pathfinder then struck the front of a 2017 Chevrolet Malibu, which was stopped on the shoulder of westbound Rt. 2 just west of Parke Avenue, and

which was being operated by John Morrison, 92, of Elkton, MD. The force of the collision forced the Malibu into the left hand lane of westbound Rt. 2 where it was then stuck by a 2007 Chevrolet Equinox which was being operated by Nancy Lavigne, 49, of Wilmington.

Steven Dericco was treated at the scene by New Castle County Paramedics. He was then transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital where he was admitted with serious injuries. Alcohol use on the part of Dericco is being considered as a factor in the crash.

John Morrison was also treated by Paramedics before he was transported by ambulance to the Christiana Hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

Nancy Lavigne was not injured.

This crash remains under investigation. No charges have been filed at this time.

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